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| 4,402,802 to Kreuter et al.    | Sep. 6, 1983       | Electrolytic Bath for the<br>Deposition of Rhodium Coatings                              |
| 4,486,513 to Mashiko et<br>al. | Dec. 4, 1984       | Process for Producing Rhodium-<br>Plated Article with Black Color<br>and Wear Resistance |

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| JP 11050295A2          | JAPAN          | February 23, 1999       |
| CH 629 258 A5          | SWITZERLAND    | April 15, 1982          |

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